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PROBABLE INSURGENT CAMPS LAOS PANHANDLE

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

CAMPS OF THIS TYPE HAVE BEEN USED AS BASES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TELECOMMUNICATION LINES AND ROADS, AS WELL AS FOR HOUSING FOR TROOPS IN OR MOVING THROUGH THE LAOS PANHANDLE.


2. LOCATION:

THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE LAOS PANHANDLE, BETWEEN 16-15N AND 16-45N.

3. BACKGROUND:

THIS AREA OF THE LAOS PANHANDLE IS VERY ACTIVE AND IS LOCATED SW OF THE DMZ AND NORTHWEST OF THE ASHAU VALLEY. THE AREA IS CHARACTERIZED BY AN EXTENSIVE ROAD NETWORK AND OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATION NET.

4. MISSION READOUT:

 REVEALS TWO PROBABLE INSURGENT CAMPS NEAR LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE #1 APPROXIMATELY 2 NM NORTH OF ROUTE 9. ONE CAMP LOCATED AT 16-41N 106-23E (UTM XD484450) (INSET #1) CONSISTS OF AT LEAST 16 HUTS OF VARIOUS SIZES DISPERSED UNDER A HEAVY TREE CANOPY. THE SECOND CAMP, (NOT SHOWN), IS LOCATED AT 16-40N 106-23E (XD478434), AND CONSISTS OF AT LEAST SIX PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDINGS. BOTH CAMPS ARE SERVED BY A HEAVY TRAIL NETWORK.

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 ALSO REVEALS A FOOT BRIDGE OVER THE
HOUAY REDAN STREAM (INSET #5). THE BRIDGE IS LOCATED AT 16-29N 106-20E
(XD422228) ON A HEAVILY USED FOOT TRAIL 3NM SOUTH OF ROUTE 914.

 REVEALS TWO PROBABLE INSURGENT CAMPS.
ONE CAMP (INSET #3), LOCATED AT 16-19N 106-57E (YD096055) 2.5 NM NORTH OF ROUTE
922 AND 0.5 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER, CONSISTS OF AT LEAST FIVE
PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDINGS AND A HEAVY TRAIL NETWORK IN AN AREA OF LARGE ROCKS
AND A HEAVY TREE CANOPY. THE OTHER CAMP (INSET 4), AT 16-20N 106-56E (YD078068)
IS 3.5 NM NORTH OF ROUTE 922 AND 1.7 NM FROM THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER. IT CONSISTS
OF AT LEAST SIX BUILDINGS DISPERSED UNDER A HEAVY TREE CANOPY. THE LAOS/SOUTH
VIETNAM OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATION LINE BRANCH 1C RUNS BETWEEN THESE TWO CAMPS.

 REVEALS A PROBABLE INSURGENT CAMP, NOT
DEPICTED, AT 16-17N 106-52E (YD002017) 2 NM NORTH OF ROUTE 922. THIS CAMP
CONTAINS AT LEAST 13 BUILDINGS, TWO BUNKERS, 25 FOXHOLES AND ROW CROPPING DISPERSED
OVER A LARGE AREA. HEAVILY USED TRAILS AND THREE FOOT BRIDGES WERE OBSERVED IN
THE AREA. ONE BRIDGE CROSSES THE SEPON RIVER AT XD997028.

A FINAL PROBABLE INSURGENT CAMP FROM 
(INSET 2), IS LOCATED AT 16-16N 106-31E (XD620000), 9.5 NM DUE WEST OF THE
JUNCTION OF ROUTES 92/922, ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE HOUAY TAKOY STREAM. THIS
CAMP CONSISTS OF AT LEAST 16 BUILDINGS DISPERSED UNDER A HEAVY TREE CANOPY.

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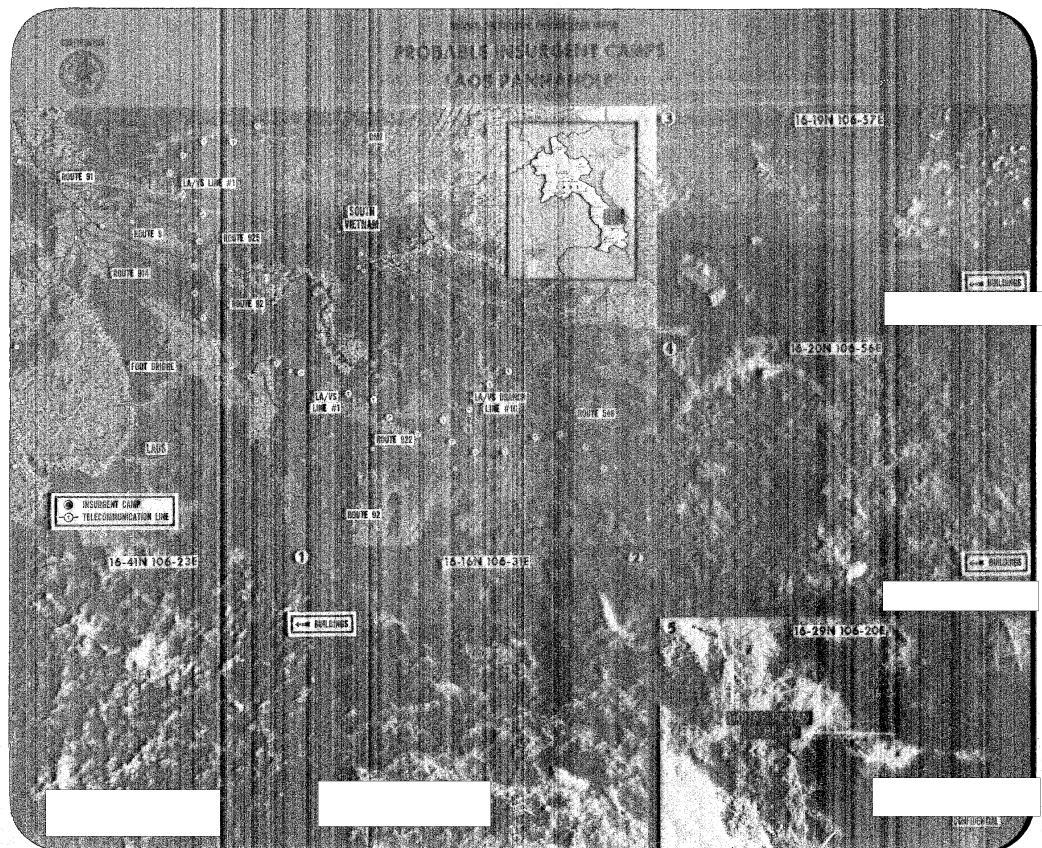
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